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"The only meaningful power is the power we have to help each other. And no power is greater than love, Rick. It's very cornball. It's also true."

— **Peter David** in *Incredible Hulk #467*

"Peter's Hulk was a green beacon at the point when I was breaking into comics. It seemed to be the one book at Marvel without an 'X' on it that really got fans excited. When I came aboard, I couldn't believe how welcoming and generous Peter was to a young artist with no real track record, and the humanity in his characters became a template for the kind of books I would always want to make.

"Even today, thirty years later, the majority of fans I meet open with, 'I loved that Peter David run on Hulk.' Special books. Special writer."

— **Gary Frank**

"Peter was always thinking around corners. Whenever he got a new assignment, his approach would be, 'Okay, what does everyone expect from this series? Great, let's do something else.' And he'd show you a different angle, a different approach, that would suddenly illuminate the characters in a whole new way. He wasn't an 'Everything you know is wrong' guy, but he was definitely an 'Okay, what else?' guy. And it worked—for him, for the books, for his legion of readers. He'd give you something no one else could."

— **Kurt Busiek**

PETER DAVID

1956-2025

Marvel is saddened by the passing of Peter David, an incredible writer whose talents affected every part of the comics world and beyond.

David's twelve-year run on *Incredible Hulk* was remarkable not only for its length, but also for the depth of ideas, innovations and clever writing. His influence on the character has extended through the years and from page to screen.

He created Spider-Man 2099, one of the first multiversal Spider-Men, and wrote three smart, charming and character-focused *X-Factor* runs. He brought his talents to the rest of the comics industry, including DC's *Young Justice*, *Aquaman* and *Supergirl*. He has written many shelves' full of novels, from his own *Sir Apropos of Nothing* to many ground-breaking Star Trek novels. His column for the *Comics Buyer's Guide*, "But I Digress," gave insights into the comic book industry for more than a decade.

On television, he was the co-creator of *Space Cases* and wrote episodes of *Babylon 5*. He also wrote the films *Oblivion* (1994) and two entries in the *Trancers* series. He has won numerous awards, including an Eisner, an Inkpot, a *Wizard* Fan Award and a GLAAD Media Award.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen and his children Shana, Gwen, Ariel and Caroline.

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There?

Def. I got inside intel.

Are you sure it's not a mistake, Yukio? It looks pretty dead.

Yes!!! Now quit asking and get the camera ready. I don't know when...

Okay, okay...*agh!* Mosquito!

...but any second now, it's going down. I don't want to miss a thing.

It's time to rescue our friends!

Our team's in place.

We have a plan.

We are the secret society...

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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware until social media exploded with the story of **CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**, a cult for mutant youth led by a zealot known as **MAESTER**, after **KANON SAINOUCHI** and her police officer brother, **TATSUYA**, found a body containing a suitcase.

NICO MINORU went undercover as a member of Children of the Atom—and finally discovered that her missing friend, **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)**, was held captive in the cult's underbelly thanks to her connection to **SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING)**! Alongside **MEI IGARASHI (MAYSTORM)** and her group of masked **X-MEN**, it's time to stage a rescue…

ULTIMATE X-MEN

CAST:

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
MAYSTORM

NICO MINORU
FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

KANON SAINOUCHI
PSYLOCKE

YUKIO
STREAMER

FUTABA
TATSUYA'S EX
AND ALLY

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA
SHADOW KING

MAESTER
CHILDREN OF
THE ATOM LEADER

JULY 2025

Kanon, you really think your brother can pull this off?

He'll be fine, Futaba...I think...

Either way, no backing out now. Mei and her team are about to make their move.

It's go time.

DING DONG

THE SECRET NEW TEMPLE OF THE CHILDREN OF THE ATOM.

...uhh... someone?

Hello. Hi No Kuni Postal. I have a package for...

Oh...it's open.

Hellooooo ♫

Anyone home?

Who the hell're you?

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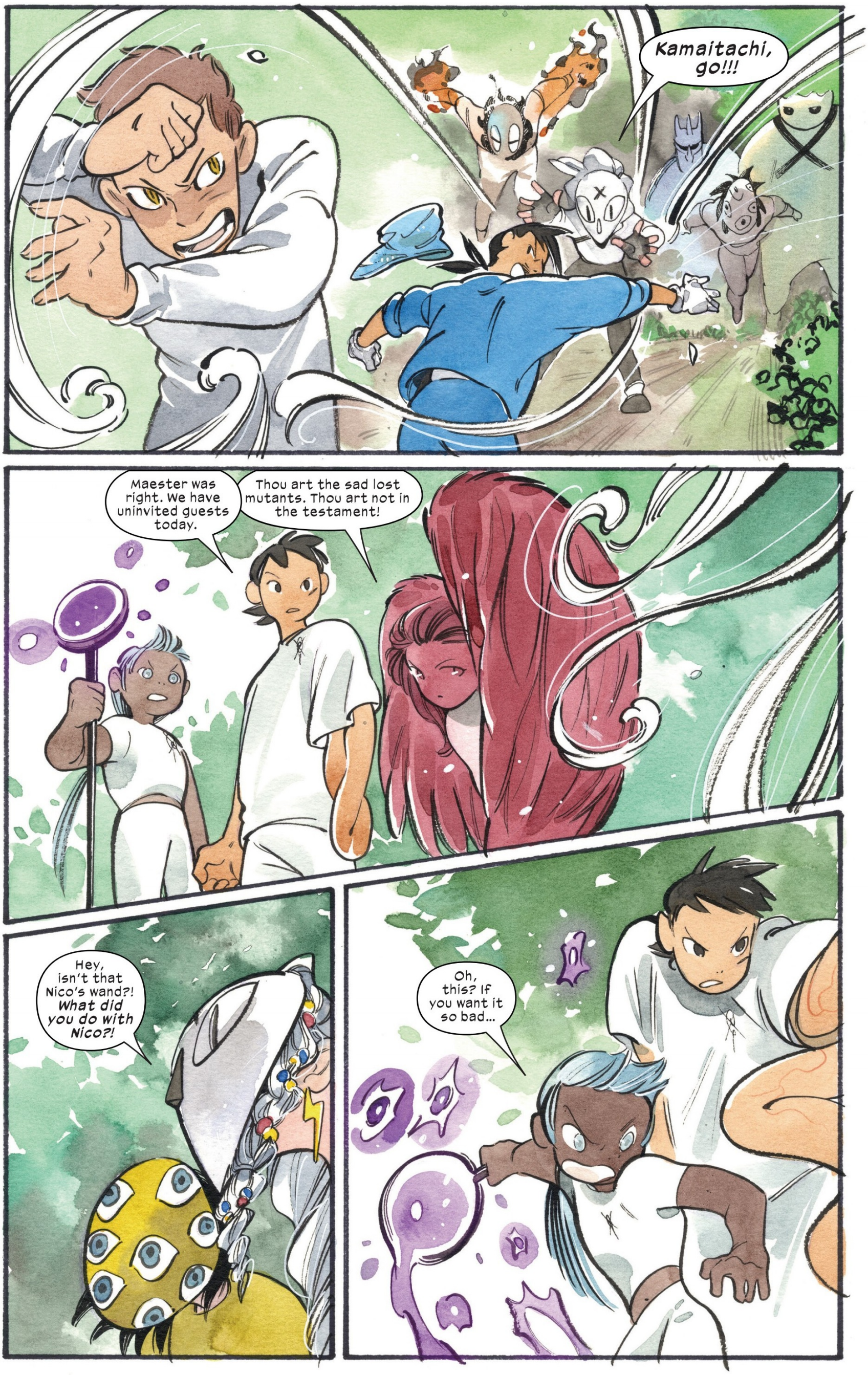
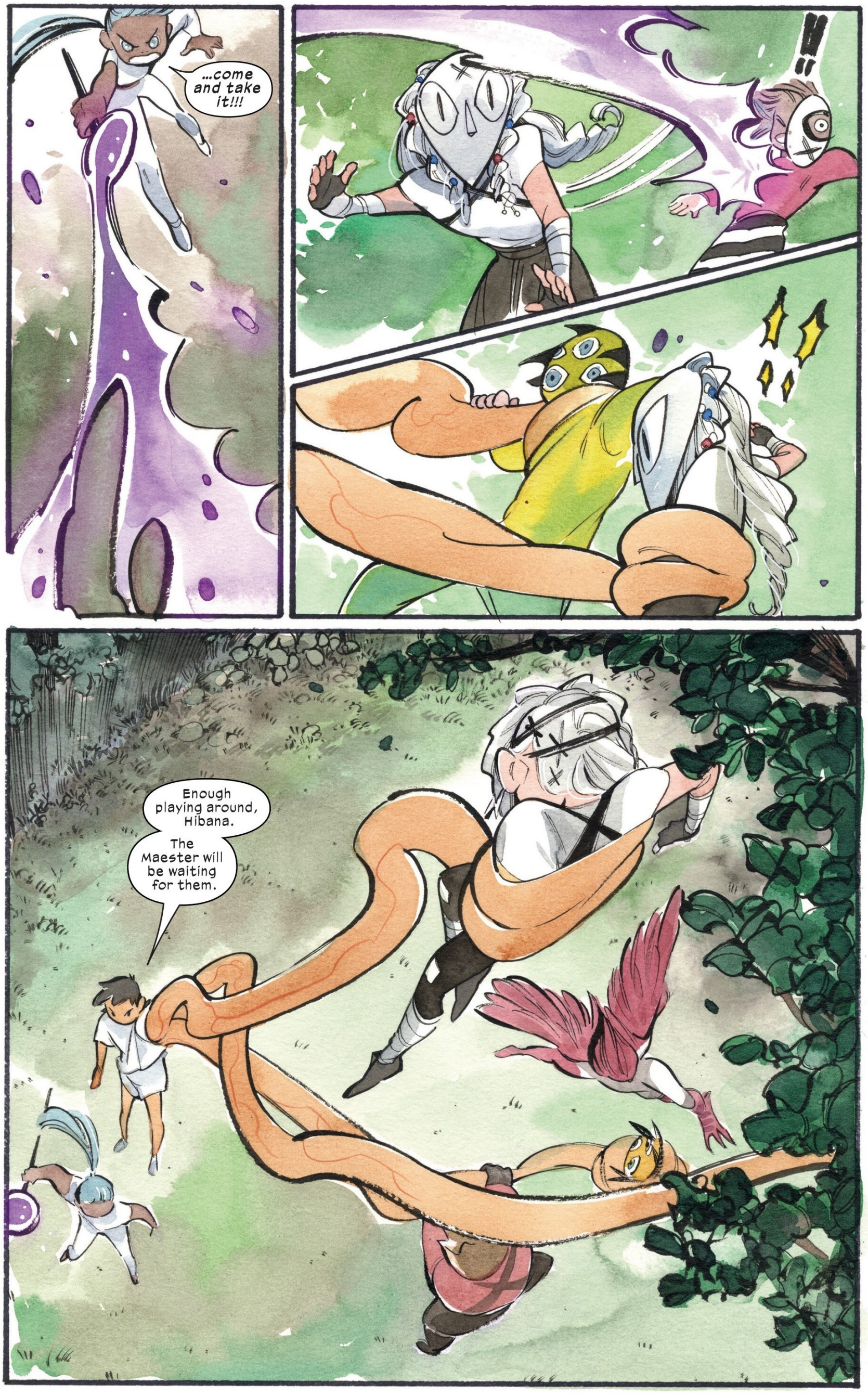

Kamaitachi, go!!!
Maester was right. We have uninvited guests today.
Thou art the sad lost mutants. Thou art not in the testament!
Hey, isn't that Nico's wand?! What did you do with Nico?!
Oh, this? If you want it so bad...



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Eat...

FWOOSH

...this!!!

Aahhh!!!

Nice shot, Mei!

So cool...

Y'all can admire her later.

The whole point 'a her attack is to distract them so we can get in.

Hey! There's a fight going down!

Coast is clear. Now...!

It looks abandoned... you sure your insider told you the right place, Futaba?

This better not be a trap.

Hurry!!! This way!!

It should be somewhere around here...

Mori? What's wrong?

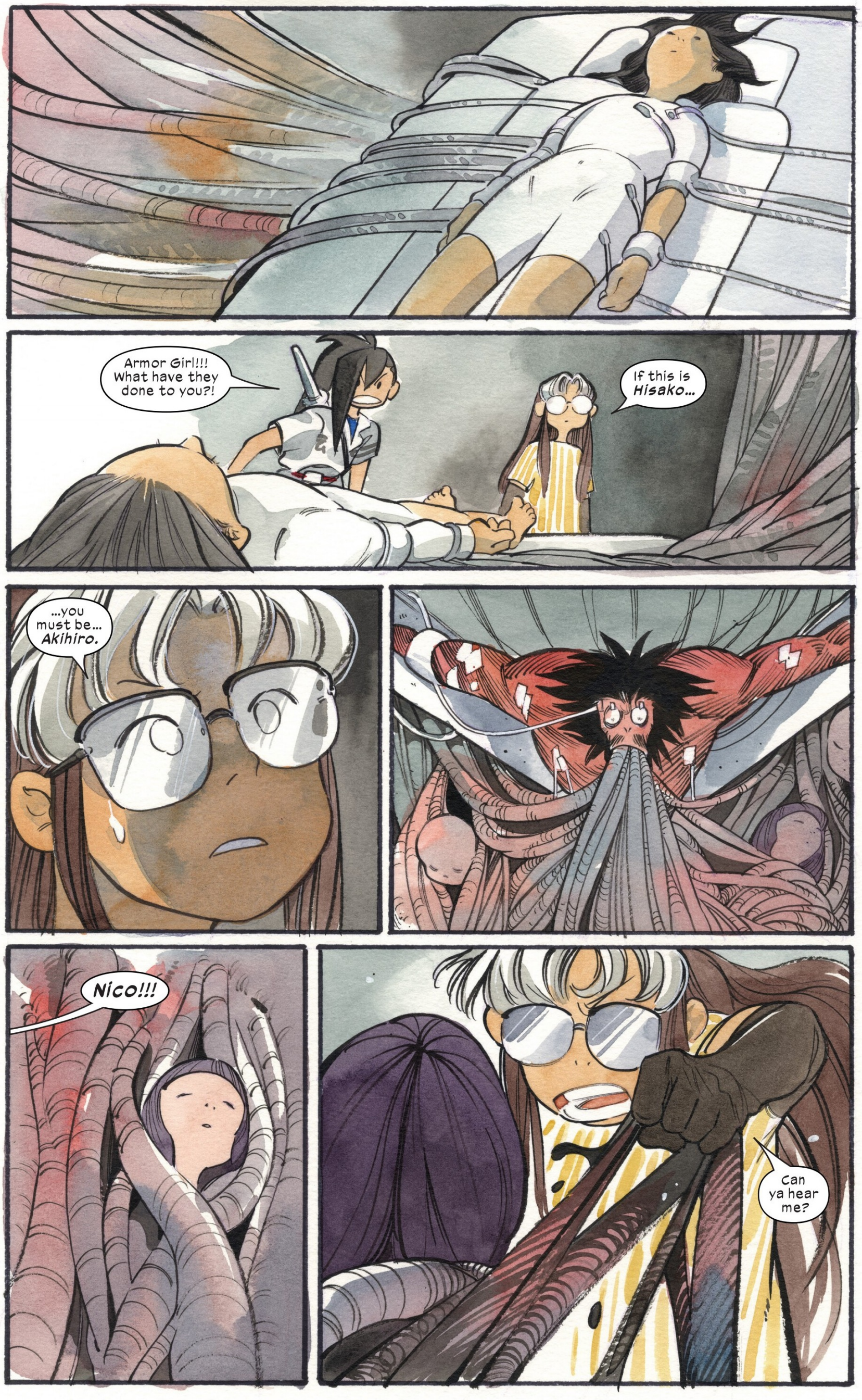
Y'all find something?

Dunno. Mori, you okay?

Th-there...

They're in there...

What the--?!


Armor Girl!!! What have they done to you?!
If this is Hisako...
...you must be... Akihiro.
Nico!!!
Can ya hear me?

You okay?

She's alive! Now what about...

Hisako!!!

What do we do? Can we get her out of here? Will pulling out these tubes kill her?

Mori!

Get in here and help!!!

Don't touch those tubes!

She's in some kind of suspended animation or deep coma. Those tubes could be keeping her alive.

Y'all ain't giving me no choice then...

Let's take a little peek inside...

What'd you do?!

!!!

It's not me!!!

Umm...guys...! The door shut! I can't see you!!!

Kanon?!?!

Kageyama--!

Where did you go? If you ruin this for me...

Argh! Why you...!!!

Maystorm! Take this to your friend!!!

Heh.

Ahhh!!!

Maystorm, go!!!

But--!

We got this!

You'd better...

Kanon!!! Futaba!!!

Nico!!! Guys! Say something!!

Mori??

Meiiiii--

Look, Hisako...

...your friends are here to save you.

So.
Mei isn't here.
Is this really Hisako?
When I touched those tubes, I sensed her trauma. It's deeper than I thought...
Kageyama tapped into Hisako's unstable mental state. He's somehow controlling her...
Then all we need to do is beat that eyeglass freak!!!
Who is she? She's like an animal, a ***creature.*** I can't read her thoughts.

They found Nico. And Hisako was inside too. But I just couldn't... go inside...I don't know why... I was so scared...

Urya aaaaaahh!!!

This is useless.

It keeps regenerating... as if it's alive.

What's happening? Is Hisako doing this?

Hi-chan...

...Hi-chan... I almost forgot...I'm called that by someone...

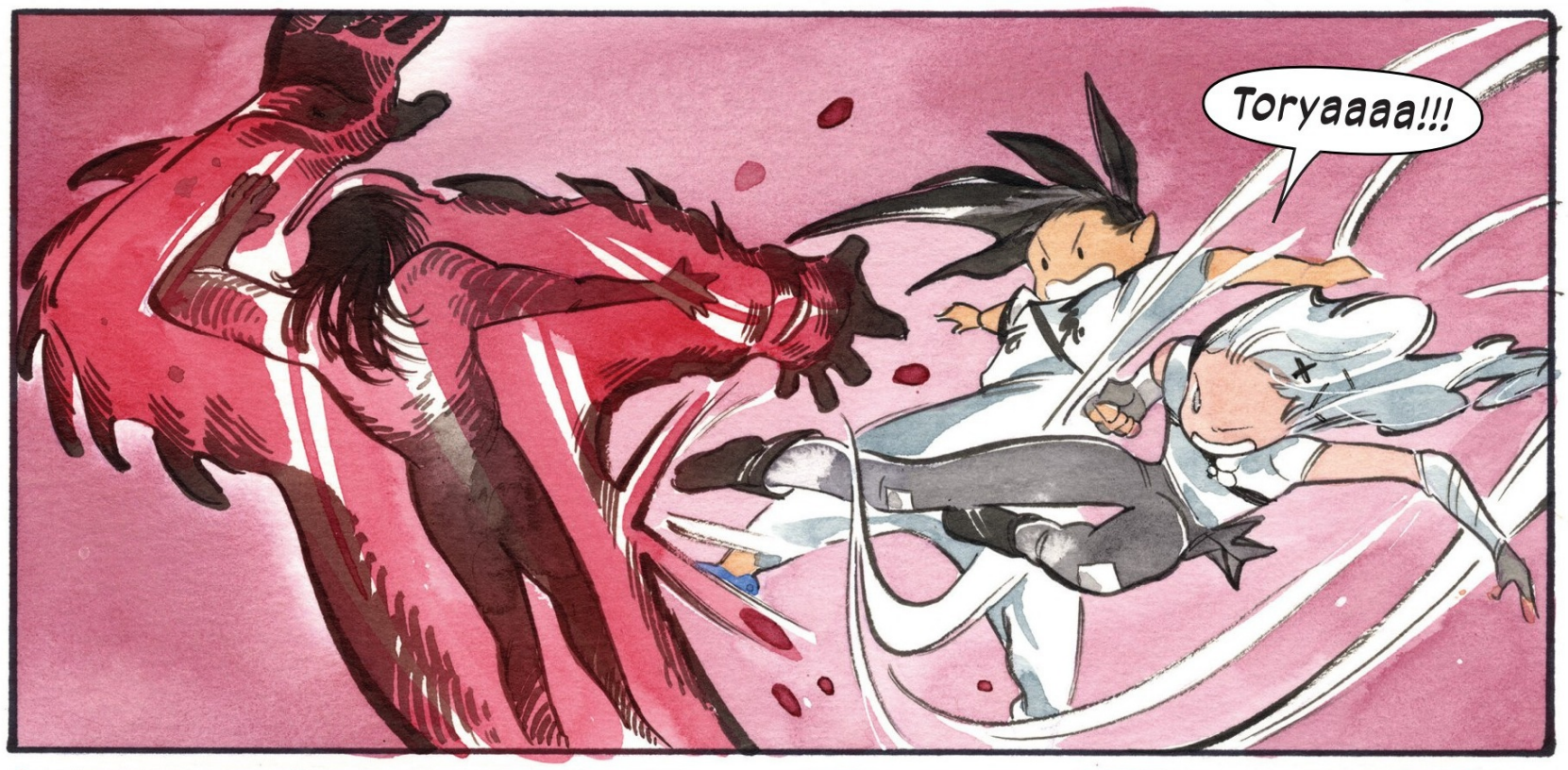
Huh? ...It's answering?

Hiiii-chaaaann!!!

Urrrrrgggghh!!!

Kanon!!!

M-Mei... agh...a little... help?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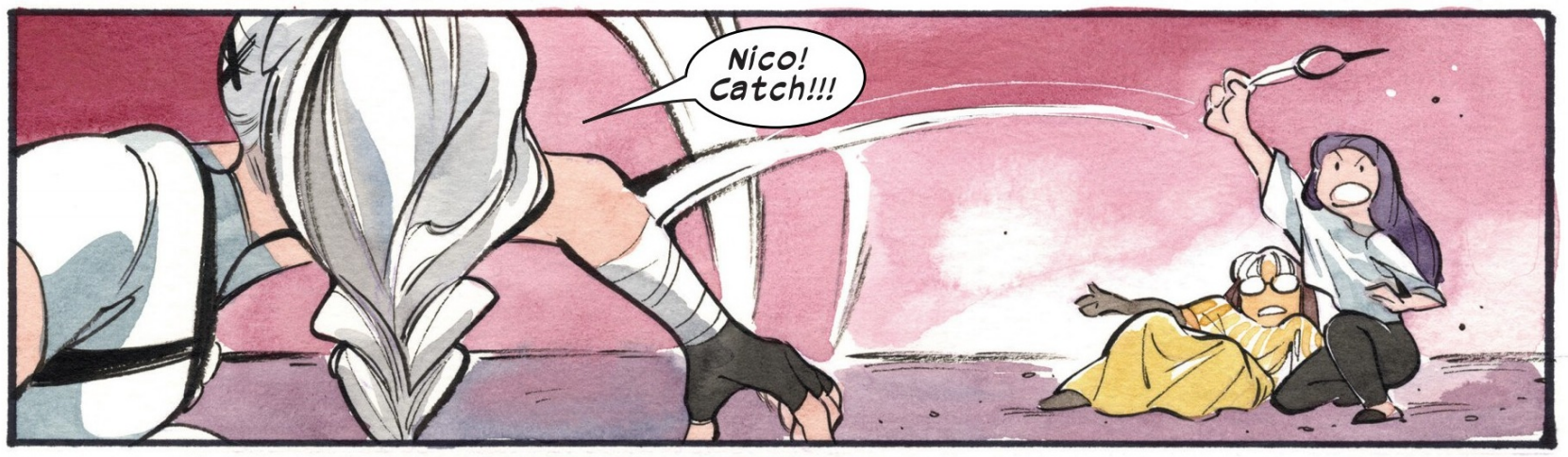

Nico! Catch!!!

Hisako! Awaken!!!

I don't think so.

Hi-chan, you jerk!!!

Do you have any idea how worried we were about you? Disappearing for months! I thought about you every day!!!

You are so amazing, with such special gifts!!! You were the one who said not to hide in the shadows!!! And now look at you!!!

What are you using your powers to do? Hide!!! You think that's what Tsubasa would want?

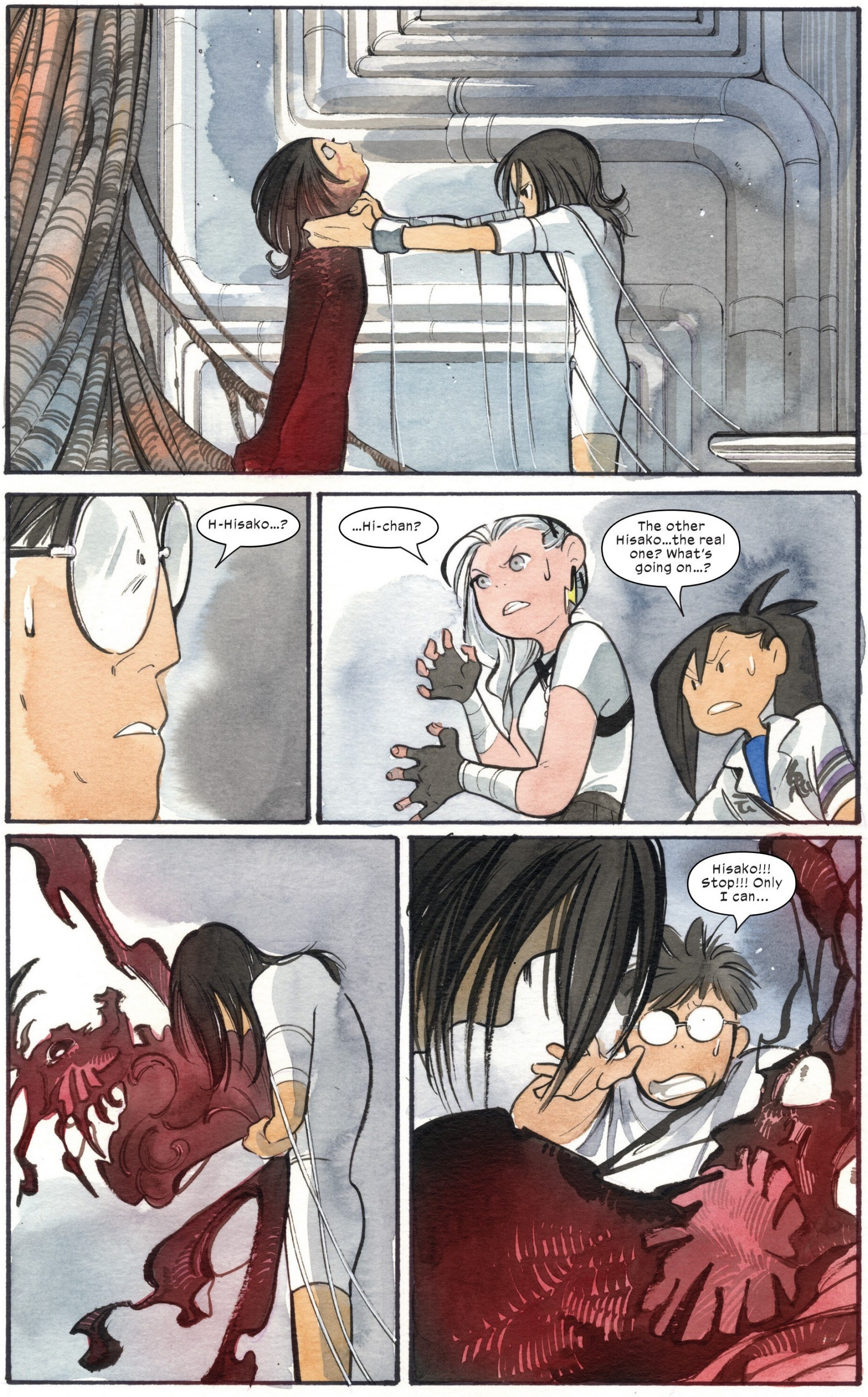
Your armor is supposed to ***protect*** everyone!!! Not hide from everyone!!!

Interesting. Instead of coming to rescue her, you came to lecture her?

I believe that means it's game over.

What... what is this...? My head...

Huh?



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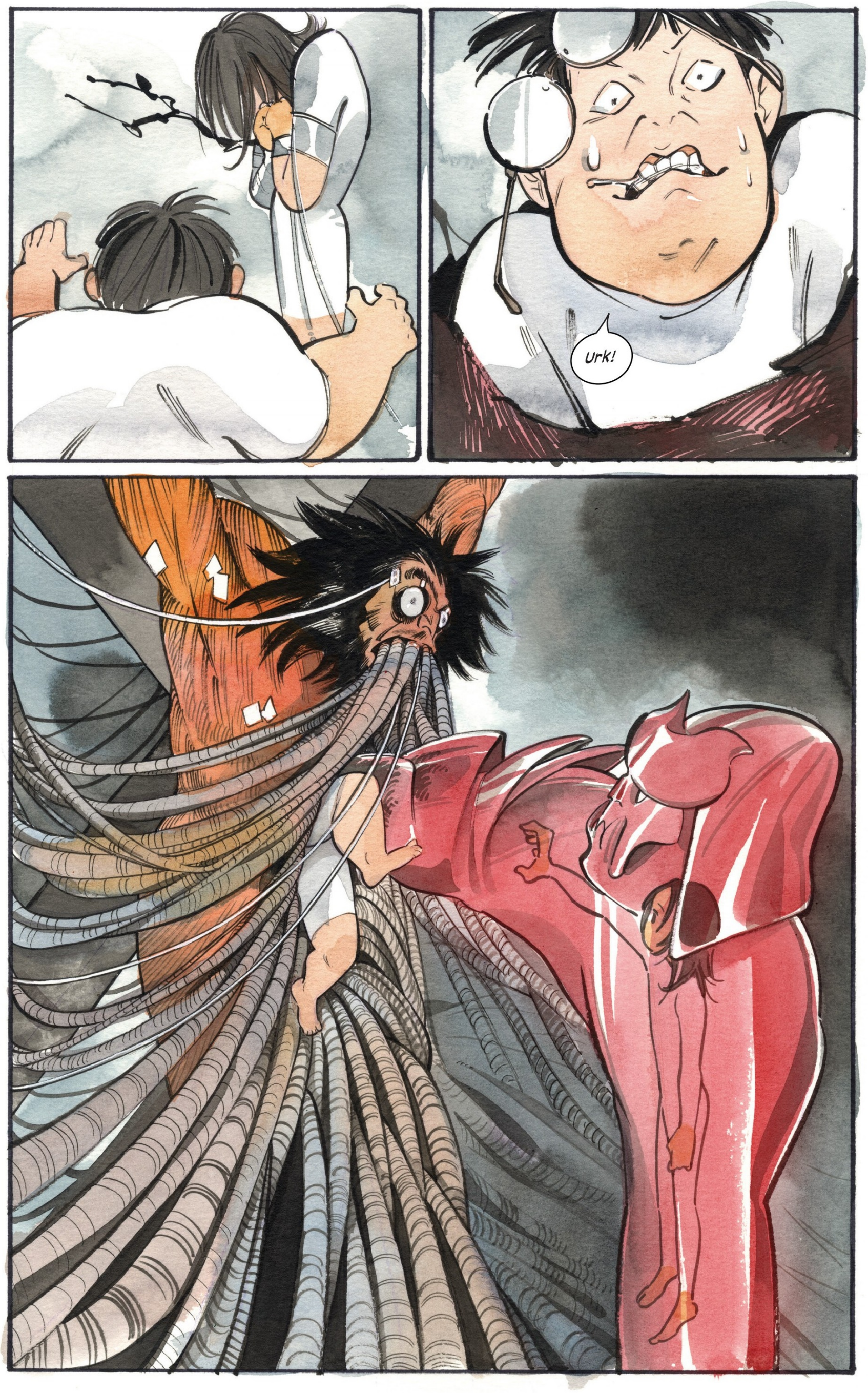
Urk!

Hi-chan! Where are you going?! Come home with us!

I'm sorry, Mei. I thought no one cared about me. That I'd been forgotten. You showed me I was wrong.

But now I finally understand how I made Tsubasa feel. I need to make things right.

And I must face Kageyama.

Thank you, Mei. For everything.

Hisako! You'll need this!!!

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Thanks.

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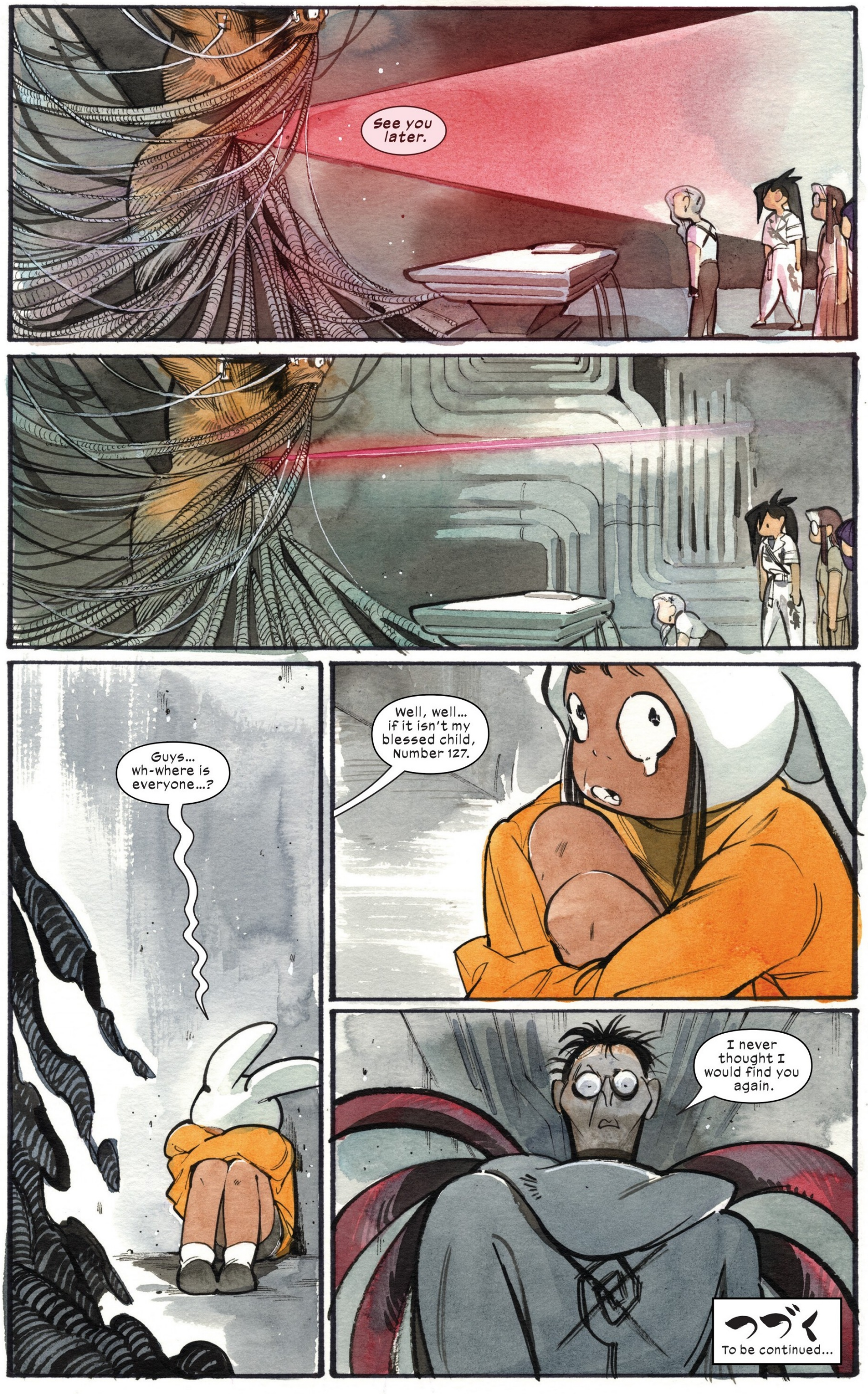
See you later.
Guys... wh-where is everyone...?
Well, well... if it isn't my blessed child, Number 127.
I never thought I would find you again.
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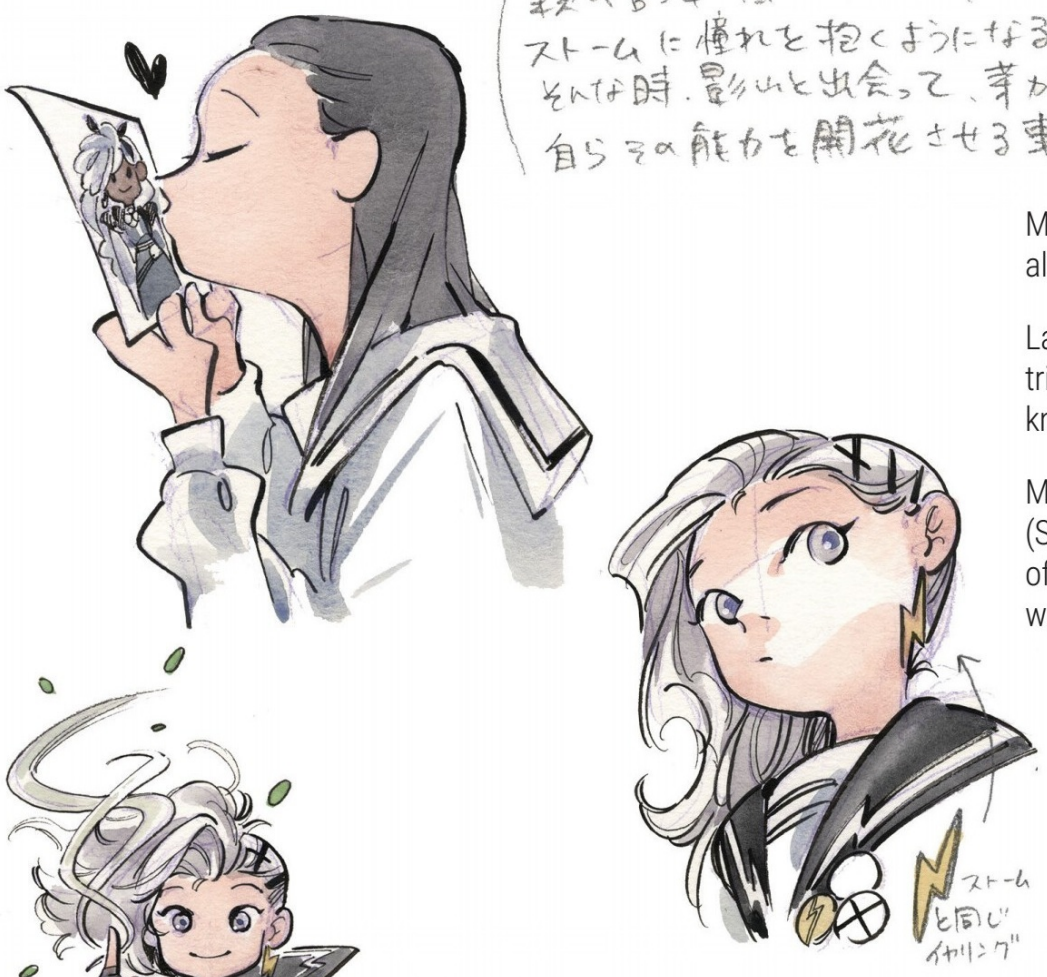
To be continued...

LEXICON

MEI IGARASHI "MAYSTORM"

親の言う事を聞く"良い子ちゃん"だった芽は、SNSで見たストームに憧れを抱くようになる。
そんな時、影山と出会って、芽が持つ潜在能力を刺激されて、自らその能力を開花させる事となった。



Mei was a well-behaved child who always listened to her parents.

Later, an incident with her neighbor's cat triggered Mei's mutant power. Little did she know, that neighbor was Kageyama...

Mei first learned of Ororo Munroe (Storm) through social media reports of underground freedom fighters. Mei wanted to fight for a cause like Storm.

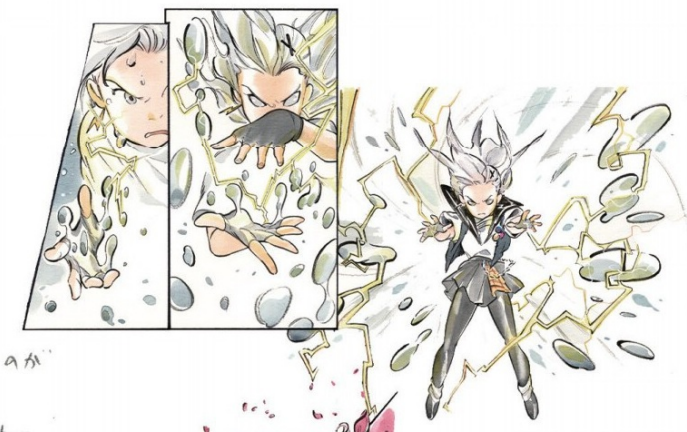
She always wears a Storm-inspired earring.

LI'L MEI

MAYSTORM'S POWER

メイ・ストームの能力
小さい嵐を巻き起こす事しか出来ないけど、環境を使って様々な技が使える。
- 水を使って、嵐を起こしたり、
- 花びらで技をくり出したり、

Maystorm can only produce small gusts of wind and lightning, but she uses the environment around her to empower greater attacks.

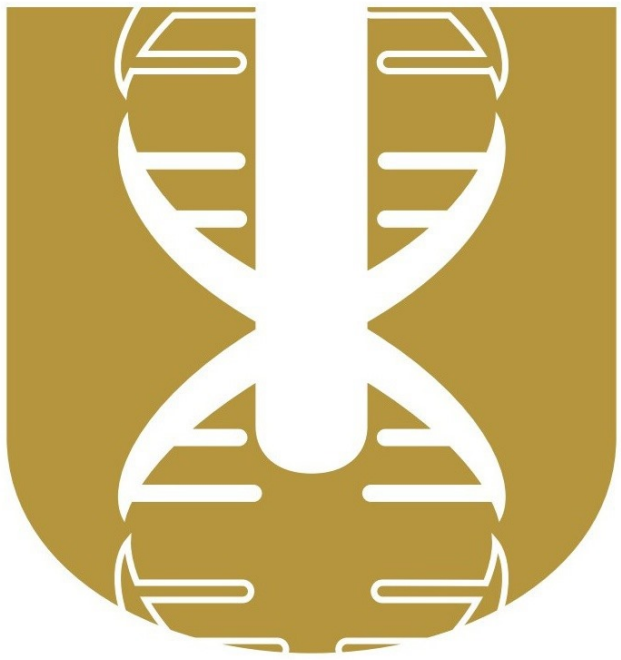


Mei loves to draw and craft handmade stickers.

She gave Hisako an "Ichiki" sticker and an Armor sticker that Hisako uses as her chat icon.

Example: Creating a burst of thunderstorm by combining wind and lightning with rain or water droplets.

Example 2: A swirl of wind that turns leaves and flower petals into sharp projectiles.



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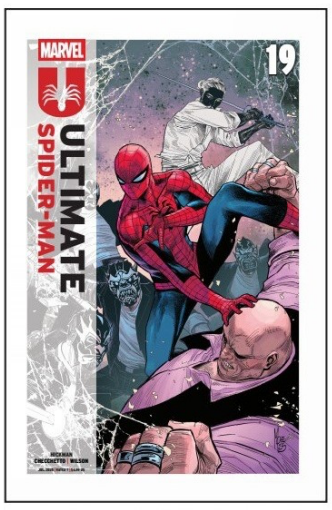

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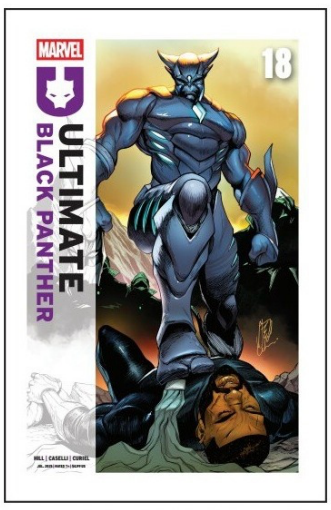

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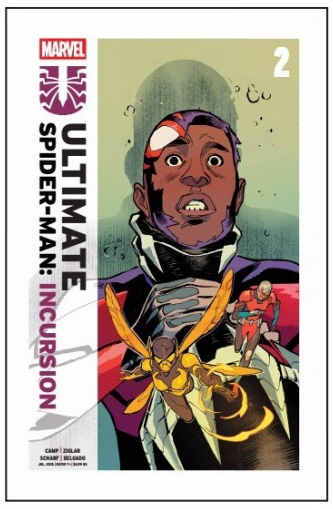

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